



Church of the Holy Cross

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Anglican Communion

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Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

*spoken liturgy without music
Coffee & fellowship follow*

10:20 a.m.

Christian Education

Children Pre-K thru Grade 5

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

*Choir & Music
Children's sermon
Nursery Care (from 10:15)
Coffee & Fellowship
Adult Education as offered*

5:00 p.m.

EYC (Youth Group)

Middle and High School youth



Jesus says: Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs...

Welcome to Holy Cross!

Whether your family has a long tradition of going to church or not—even if you enter with a little trepidation—we are here to share the Good News of Jesus. We will walk with you through the joys and challenges you may face, seeking to better understand and live into the Christian faith together. That can be a tall order! But there is help along the way:

Holy Baptism marks entry and membership in the Church. While most people now are baptized (or “christened”) as infants, some do so as older youth or adults. Either way, the promises made as part of the Baptismal Covenant help form a roadmap of the Christian Life.

While we encourage all among us to be baptized, we also find a time of preparation to be helpful for candidates (or for parents of infants). Please contact Fr. Tim or Deacon Betty or the church office for more information. Note: Baptism usually occurs as part of public worship and requires some forethought in scheduling.

Nursery Care is provided all Sunday mornings and for many special services. Two trained caregivers are present, including certified and experienced preschool teachers. The nursery is located in Ruth Hall (Episcopal Day School building) .*Ages newborn thru 5 years*

Sunday School gathers at 10:20 a.m., a time that deepens our children's understanding of biblical stories and Christian living through a variety of materials and projects—all shared at their own level. Our curriculum follows the same weekly Bible readings heard in church—and includes material that can be shared at home. Children can join class at any time, without feeling “behind” from missing previous lessons.

Sunday School children (pre-K through Grade 5) meet first in the Rectory House next door— then join the congregation for a children's sermon and Communion.

About “First Communion”: Baptized Christians of all ages are invited to receive Eucharist—especially children! Therefore, first communion often occurs at a younger age, when a child can receive with reverence and without disruption. This practice follows the custom of the early Christian Church and helps make the Sacrament a part of a child's life.

To allow for greater understanding as they grow, youth of all ages will receive ongoing sacramental instruction from the rector. (If in doubt about your child taking Communion, please ask!)

Do I have to pre-register for Sunday School? No. All children are welcome every Sunday. But if you feel your child would do better with a special introduction to the space or teachers, please call the church

office to arrange it. Please do provide us with contact information as well as important allergy, medical or behavioral issues.

How can I find out more about upcoming events? Simply fill out a newcomer card (found at the back of the church) or complete a registration form available in the Sunday School area. Feel free to pick up a copy of our newsletter **The Crossroads** as well. Please give us your email address to make communication easier!

What about older youth? Middle and High School students meet weekly on Sunday nights. Most of these teens also remain active on Sunday mornings as acolytes, ushers, readers, teachers, etc. Our Youth Group participates in a wide variety of outreach, worship and fun activities...including an annual mission trip. Call EYC Director Melissa Wickersham at 903-366-2207 for more information.

Teens also may plan for the rite of Confirmation, which is scheduled yearly with our Bishop. Special preparation is required.